Year Plan so that Central funding on the lines of Ganga Action Plan would be made available for this programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken for considering and sanctioning the revised first phase of the Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed Action Plan gives details of the schemes for construction/augmentation of sewerage/drainage systems and for treatment of sewage from the towns adjoining the banks of the Krishna and its tributaries. The total estimated outlay for the Action Plan is Rs. 588 crores, of which the outlay for the revised first phase is Rs. 101.30 crores. The proposal could be considered only in due course depending on the experience of the Ganga Action Plan and the availability of funds.

Integrated water management

1706. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering an integrated approach to water management; if so, what legislative and other measures are contemplated to ensure its effective implementation;

(b) what is the gap between the irrigation potential created by major and medium projects and its actual utilisation and the steps taken to narrow down this gap;

(c) whether Government have received suggestions to improve coordination between different agencies in water management; if so, the details thereof and whether there is a proposal to create a State-level body with the Chief Minister as Chairman to effect just and sound water management; and

(d) whether Government propose to step up the use of science and space technology to identify appropriate water sources; if so, the success achieved so far in this regard and what are the other areas of coordination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Water Policy emphasises the adoption of integrated approach to Water Management.

(b) The gap to the end of March, 1987, was 4.51 M. Ha. and the State Governments are implementing command area development programmes for narrowing down the gap.

(c) The National Water Policy stipulates establishment of appropriate organisations for coordination of water management by the State Governments.

(d) In view of the success in the maping of the Surface Water bodies, ground water potential and snow-melt by remote sensing, it is proposed to step up the use of appropriate technologies.

Visit of Shri Stephen Solarz to Punjab

1707. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Stephen Solarz, Chairman of the U.S. congress sub-Committee on Asia and Pacific, was given permisssion to go to Punjab;

(b) if so, the purpose for which he asked permission;

(c) whether he met Akali leaders and some others in the Golden Temple; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Mr. Stephen Solarz U.S. Congressman and Chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Asian Pacific Affairs of the House Foreign Relations Committee accompanied by Mr. Theodore Weiss and their staff members Dawn Clabia, Arch Roberts, Peter Galbraith and First Secretary of the US Embassy Mr. Walter Alderson visited Amritsar and Chandigarh on 17.1.89. According to the Ministry of External Affairs the US Congress men on their visit to India had expressed an interest in visiting Punjab and, therefore, their visit to Punjab was arranged. During the visit the US delegation met some Akali leaders at Amritsar and during discussions the questions of entry of police into the Golden Temple and non-acceptance of Anandpur Sahib Resolution by the Government were raised by the Akali leaders.

Formulation of a Plan to Finance Women Entrepreneurs

1708. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a Plan for financing women entrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that banks extend credit to women entrepreneurs as part of their priority sector lending programme. In terms of Reserve Bank of India's guidelines advances by way of term loans to professional and self-employed persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs are sanctioned at the rate of interest of 13.5 per cent per annum and other than term loans at the rate of interest of 14 per cent per annum. Women entrepreneurs like any other borrowers may seek financial assistance for any viable productive endeavour from the banks.

Issue of Licences for the Imports of Vitamins B1 and B2 etc.

1709. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy in regard to import of Vitamin B1 Vitamin B2 Tetracycline and Rifampicin;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued import licences to certain parties for their imports;

(c) if so, what are the names of the parties along with the quantity and value for which each licence was issued for each drug to each party during the last two years, year-wise;

(d) what was the category of import licence issued;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry allowed permission for the sale of these bulk drugs;

(f) if so, what are the names of the parties to whom such permission was granted;

(g) what was the average CIF price of each drug and at what price each drug was sold;

(h) whether there is any application pending for grant of licence for any of these drugs; and